General of Civil Aviation are pressed into operation. A Techno Economic evaluation study, to replace the ageing fleet of B-737 and A-300 aircraft as also to augment fleet capacity of Indian Airlines, is currently underway.

Formation of Air Safety Board

3113. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the rate of minor and major air accidents of Alliance Air duirng the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of accidents so far and the cause of each accident;

(c) whether Government propose to set up Air Safety Board, an independent body in the near future; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only one accident has occurred to Alliance Air Boeing 737 aircraft near Patna Airport on 17.7.2000 which is under investigation by a Court of Inquiry set up by the Govenrment under Rule 75 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Depiction of Women in Publications of AI

3114. DR. (SHRIMATI) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is depicting Indian, in particular the Indian women, in undignified manner in the literature circulated to passengers on its international flights;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to stop such type of publication; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?